

WATERFRONT

then 75 years of historic, industrial working waterfront

Bellingham's waterfront once thrived with timber ponds, pulp mills, paper plants, shipyards and landfills. Many of these traditional industries have shut down leaving behind contaminated industrial sites, a depressed economy, and damaged habitat vital to salmon and other species.

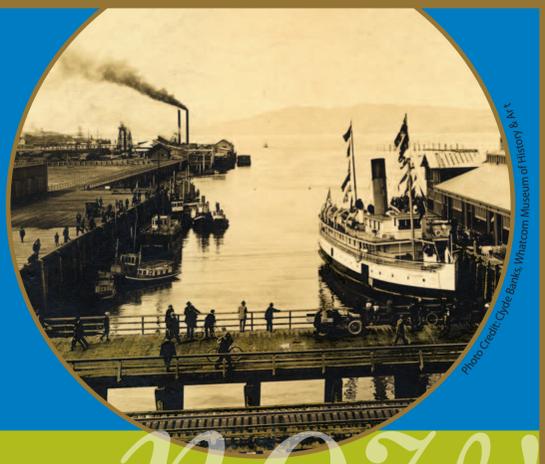


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Community in transition

Bellingham is receiving national recognition for its integrated approach towards creating a healthy and dynamic waterfront. This approach includes cleaning up polluted sediments, restoring historically lost habitat, controlling pollution sources, and revitalizing under-utilized waterfront properties.

BELLINGHAM BAY DEMONSTRATION PILOT

A cooperative approach for integrating sediment cleanup, habitat restoration, source control, and land use on the waterfront.

BELLINGHAM BAY'S CHANGING

cleanup



The Department of Ecology is leading the cleanup effort for 11 different contaminated sites in Bellingham Bay. These cleanups will protect human health and the environment and facilitate the revitalized use of waterfront properties.

habitat



The Bellingham Bay Demonstration Pilot has identified 19 high priority habitat restoration opportunities in Bellingham Bay to provide valuable habitat functions to endangered salmon and other wildlife.



WORKING TOGETHER

PARTNERSHIPS

The Bellingham Bay Demonstration Pilot is a partnership of 14 different federal, state, local and tribal agencies working cooperatively together to develop comprehensive strategic environmental planning and well-integrated projects that include the cleanup of polluted sediments, restoration of historically lost habitat, control of pollution sources, and the revitalization of under-utilized waterfront properties.

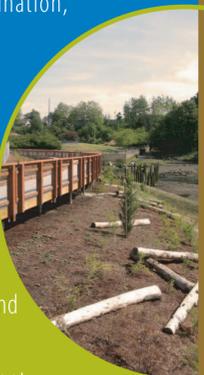


Comanagers:
Port of Bellingham, Department of Ecology

Stakeholder Team:
City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, Lummi Nation, Nooksack Tribe, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, WA Dept. of Natural Resources, WA Dept. of Transportation, Puget Sound Action Team, NOAA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

PLANNING

The Bellingham Bay Demonstration Pilot published an environmental planning document in 2000 called the Bellingham Bay Comprehensive Strategy. This publication guides decision makers as they cleanup historic contamination, restore historically lost habitat, control pollution sources, and implement the community's vision for a vibrant waterfront.



PROJECTS

The Bellingham Bay Demonstration Pilot's integrated and cooperative approach is helping revitalize the community's waterfront. Completed projects like the new Taylor Avenue dock, the new beach at Marine Park, the rehabilitation of the Weldcraft Boatyard, and the Holly Street Landfill/Whatcom Creek Restoration are national models for comprehensive environmental management.

land use



The Port of Bellingham and the city of Bellingham are working closely with the community to create a new, vibrant waterfront that includes homes, businesses, light industry, and public parks and promenades.

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sources

Pollution sources are being controlled through site cleanups to preserve a safe and healthy waterfront.

OPPORTUNITY

The Port of Bellingham's recent purchase of 137-acres of contaminated industrial waterfront property presents a generational opportunity to create a healthy and vibrant waterfront. Local, state, federal and tribal agencies will continue to work closely together, and with the community, to make this opportunity a reality.

